after full consideration, and Government cannot now frame a rule such as that asked for. The representation is however noted.

SUBJECT No. 124.

Revision of *potgi* to shanbhogs and patels.

(1) Messrs. B. Naraharaiya, Nelamangala Taluk; Dhalappa and Ramaswamiengar, Anekal Tk.; Karebhama Narasimha Setti, Clospet Sub-Taluk; D. S. Hanumantha Rao, Devanhalli Taluk; M. Venkataramaiya, D. Chowdaiya and C. Venkataramaiya, Channarayapatna Taluk; A. Venkatachar, Hole-Narsipur Taluk; Ramanujiengar, Kunigal Taluk; C. Vaman Rao and N. Subba Rao, Nagar Taluk.

(2) Messrs. Chikkaramanna, Byregowda, and Dodda Vembralaiya, Kolar Taluk; and Rama Rao, Malur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) In view of the increase of work entailed on shanbhogs, high prices of food stuffs and the recurrence of bad seasons, the revision of *potgi* to shanbhogs may be effected, so as to increase their income and give them relief.

The shanbhog's *potgi* ranges from Rs. 2 to Rs. 6 per mensem. As the duties need a full-time officer who has often to work very hard and attend to multifarious duties, the minimum *potgi* may be raised to Rs. 12 per mensem.

(2) The *potgi* is required to be revised once in ten years under the *potgi* rules. But this is seldom done. In nearly every taluk is the revision of the *potgi* overdue. In the Anekal and the Heggaddevankote Taluks, for instance, the revision was made 14 years ago.

Reply of Government.—The rates cannot be altered. If there is any delay in revising the *potgi*, retrospective effect will be given to the revision, from the date when the revision should properly have been made.

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SUBJECT No. 125.

A School for the training of forest subordinates.

Mr. V. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 126.

Levy of seigniorage on head loads of fuel.

Messrs. Seshadri Iyengar, Tumkur Municipality, and Parvathappa, Kadur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Lambanis and other people live from hand to mouth by the sale of head loads of fuel that they bring in from forests. The fee of 6 pies now levied per head-load is no great income to Government. Free licenses may be ordered to be granted to such people. Frequently these people have to borrow even the half anna for the license fee.

Reply of Government.—No fee is levied on head-loads from district forests. Head-loads from State forests cannot be exempted from the fee.

SUBJECT No. 127.

Reclassification of forest trees.

Mr. M. Subba Rao, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The classification of trees ordered in Government Proceedings No. 628-9—6760-7, dated 4th May 1903, was tentative for a period of two years; but it has since been ordered that the same classification should continue. The trees excluded from the reserve list are not useful for agricultural purposes. A reclassification may be made to place at the disposal of the ryots, *banni*, *kagli*, *bilijala*, *gobli*, *thadasala*, *sagade*, *gumtchi*, *and dindiga*.

Reply of Government.—The matter will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 128.

The reservation of new forests.

Messrs C. Vaman Rao and N. Subba Rao, Nagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The reservation of new forests in the thinly populated malnad taluks has been causing much inconvenience. If reservation is considered necessary, the following matters are submitted for consideration :—

(*a*) Jungle wood deteriorates very soon in the rainy season and is easily eaten up by white ants. Once in every three years houses in the malnad require thorough repairs. The District Forest Officer should be allowed the discretion to grant wood at concession rates from State forests where the district forests cannot supply the required kinds of wood.

(*b*) As the villages are not situated near each other and as the ryots have to construct their houses on hills covered with forests, no restriction should be placed regarding the area of free grazing allowed to the cattle.

(*c*) As the ryots have to depend only on green manure for cultivation, they may be permitted to cut and remove green leaves of trees in the reserved blocks without any hindrance.

Reply of Government.—Representations about the concessions necessary in the Nagar Taluk may be made to the Forest Settlement Officer.

SUBJECT No. 129.

Planting exotic trees in Mysore forests.

Mr. V. Raghavachar, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Forest Department may be directed to plant as an experimental measure trees of foreign countries which will be a source of profit to Government. Fruit-bearing trees as well as those which are used for dyeing purposes may be planted extensively.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Conservator of Forests.

SUBJECT No. 130.

Damage caused by goats to valuable trees and plants.

Mr K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The damage caused to valuable trees and plants by goats may be removed by the goat rearers being made to obtain license from Government and obliged to rear their goats in forests, for which a tax of eight annas per head may be imposed.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 131.

Permission to inspect timber in State forests before obtaining license therefor.

Messrs. Dasappa and Chowdaiya, Arsikere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As in British India, persons desirous of obtaining timber from State forests may first be permitted to inspect such timber and then obtain license therefor, as the existing rules contain no provision for such inspection.

Reply of Government.—Noted.